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MOBILE TRAIN RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the proposal of having Mobile Train Radio Communication system in running trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds required for installation of such system in running trains;

(c) the detailed features of this system and the time by which this system is likely to be made operational;

(d) the routes on which the said system is likely to be introduced initially; and

(e) the time by which the entire rail network is likely to be covered under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Works for provision of Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC)system have been approved on 2415 Route Kilometers on Northern, Eastern, East Central, North Central & Northeast Frontier Railways at an estimated cost of Rs. 184.83 crores.

(c): The system provides for full duplex mobile communication amongst Train Crew, Stations, Control Office and Maintenance staff. Facilities of making broadcast calls, group calls and emergency calls will also be made available in the system.

The sanctioned works are expected to be completed by 2005-2006.

(d)&(e): Routes on which the MTRC works, have been sanctioned, are as under:-

i) New Delhi −Ambala −Ludhiana.

ii) Ludhiana-Pathankot-Jammu Tawi- Amritsar.

iii) Howrah-Mughalsarai.

iv) New Delhi-Jhansi.

v) Barsoi-Katihar & Malda Town-Barsoi- New Jalpaiguri.

vi) NewJalpaiguri-Bongaigaon-Guwahati.

Extension of the system on other routes of Indian Railways would be considered after successful completion of the sanctioned works, subject to availability of funds.